

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN US

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The Region IV Head Start Association (RIVHSA) leverages our shared mission and collective voice to open doors of opportunity for enrolled children and families as well as the organizations and professionals that serve them. To achieve this vision, we are called to move from theory to implementation, and to share successful practices, tools, and resources that meet the needs of families, communities, and systems and contribute to improving outcomes for children and families. In response to the global Coronavirus pandemic, RIVHSA has launched a distance-learning series, Leading, Innovating Together (LIT), in lieu of an in-person event this summer. The LIT series will be conducted May-August 2020. It is a prime opportunity for both emerging and seasoned Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) leaders to expand their understanding and application of best practices, management principles, and quality initiatives to achieve a high standard of excellence today and tomorrow. Join us for a unique blend of speaker expertise, learning tracks, and presentation formats to encourage breakthrough thinking and collaborative problem-solving.

## EVENT INFORMATION | LEADING, INNOVATING TOGETHER

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### ABOUT THE SERIES

Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) organizations are experiencing great opportunities for reinvention but many are also vulnerable to considerable risk during this global Coronavirus pandemic. Every nonprofit organization must balance the pursuit of its mission and financial viability. The health of the organization depends on its ability to weigh its mission, capital structure, and organizational capacity in equal measure both as individual areas of concerns as well as on a larger scale in relation to each other.

Leading, Innovating Together (LIT) is a distance-learning series designed to support grantee professional development needs and objectives during the pandemic. For this series, RIVHSA has collaborated with highly regarded regional and national entities to provide a combination of on-demand and live-streamed content. Not only will RIVHSA host customized sessions but we will also create a centralized calendar that integrates webinars being offer by vetted providers. Our goal is to be a one-stop resource for your leadership team's virtual learning needs this summer.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Recognizing that a strong organizational team and well-functioning governance bodies are powerful mechanisms for getting results and managing change, this series targets emerging and seasoned professionals and governance members to expand their understanding and application of management principles, quality initiatives and best models and practices. This experience is ideal for the Executive Director, Head Start and Early Head Start Director, Fiscal Officer, Content Area Managers, Board and Policy Council Chairs/Members, as well as other key staff who hold a position of responsibility and accountability.

### HOW TO REGISTER

Detailed information is provided for each session (e.g. date, time, title, and description). Click the session title to complete event registration and receive fee details. Some sessions are at no-cost while others require a nominal fee. If additional assistance is required, please contact the session provider.

## RIVHSA MISSION & MEMBERSHIP

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### ABOUT US

The Region IV Head Start Association (RIVHSA), founded in 1986, is a private, non-profit membership organization dedicated to improving the quality of early care and learning for Early Head Start (EHS) and Head Start (HS) children and their families in our 8 affiliate states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. For 30 years, RIVHSA has led the way in being an influential voice and entity on policies, issues, and partnerships impacting our regional HS/EHS community. RIVHSA represents more than 150,000 children, 40,000 staff, and 400 member programs. It is our mission to provide valuable professional development opportunities, cultivate meaningful partnerships, and advocate for significant policies and investments to increase program quality.

### OUR MISSION

RIVHSA remains committed to its mission to support the Head Start community through leadership, advocacy, partnership and professional development to promote their delivery of high-quality services. We value advocacy through collective action, partnerships for expanded capabilities and resources as well as professional development to equip and empower leaders to meet present and future opportunities.

- **ADVOCACY:** RIVHSA is committed to telling your collective story in a compelling manner to achieve results at the federal level. We also support our affiliates affecting change at the state level, and also work closely with federal offices in our region to address your needs.
- **PARTNERSHIP:** RIVHSA actively seeks innovative partnership opportunities with private, public, and government sector entities. Partnerships amplify our mutual interests and success while also increasing awareness of what we do best - prepare today's students for tomorrow.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** RIVHSA offers training opportunities that address key issues, initiatives, and best practices as well as support federal regulations and policies. These quality learning experiences also strengthen program administration, staff development as well as parent and community involvement.

### BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Membership Year: October 1 – September 30

When you join RIVHSA, you're not only making a commitment to strengthen the region's HS/EHS programs but you're also joining a community of professionals, parents and partners dedicated to making a difference. Our member programs enjoy a full complement of benefits that make a difference in leveraging your collective voice, supporting professional development, and increasing organizational capacity. Not a member? Renew or join today to receive the discounted member registration rate.

# JUNE 2020

[Click session titles below to register](#)

## [Social Distancing in Early Care and Education: Feasible or Impossible?](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Tuesday, June 2

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 1 PM EST

Join this one-hour chat with pediatrician Danette Glassy, MD, FAAP. She will review U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance around social distancing for early care and education programs. Explore practical strategies for implementation in a variety of early care programs.

## [Community Engagement Webinar Series: Community Partnerships with Child Welfare](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Tuesday, June 2

**Time:** 3:00 PM –4:45 PM EST

In this final webinar, learn how early childhood programs and child welfare agencies can work together to protect children and strengthen families. Explore the role of Head Start and Early Head programs as vital partners in establishing and maintaining stability for children at the beginning of, during, and after involvement with child welfare agencies.

### **CORPORATE SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT**

#### [Ignite by Hatch Connected Learning Solution](#)

**Presented by:** HATCH

**Date:** Thursday, June 4

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST

Ignite by Hatch is a powerful, research-backed connected learning solution that offers the flexibility of continuous learning at home and in classrooms. This digital learning platform integrates 203 play-based experiences that engage, instruct, and assess early learners across 7 domains of development. Ignite provides teachers with real-time reports on each child's progress, whether the child plays Ignite in a classroom or at home. Ignite by Hatch is an all-in-one solution that can be downloaded to most touchscreen devices, so it's available for classroom and home use. To ensure digital equity for children who lack technology in the home, Hatch offers tablets pre-loaded with Ignite. Tablets can be purchased by your program using CARES Act funding and loaned to families for in-home use when needed. This technology allows for more flexible program scheduling options while minimizing future learning interruptions due to illness or weather. Join us in leveraging the power of technology to fuel kindergarten readiness this fall.

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## [ERSEA: Exploring Needs and Enrollment Strategies During Uncertain Times: An OHS/PMFO Update](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Wednesday, June 10

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EST

This 90-minute webinar will review updated information around key eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance (ERSEA) service components, with the focus on full enrollment. It will be an interactive conversation reflecting both OHS and National Center on Program Management and Fiscal Operations (PMFO) perspectives.

## [Fostering Education from Home \(Part II\): Applying Strategies in the Real World](#)

**Presented by:** Child Welfare League of America

**Date:** Wednesday, June 10

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST

Part II of this webinar will focus on practice and implementation of the practical tools for parents and caregivers introduced in Part I.

## [MyPeers Orientation](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Wednesday, June 10

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM EST

Join this introduction to MyPeers, a virtual community of practice space for Head Start programs, staff, and partners to share questions, ideas, and resources.

Webinar Repeats (all EST): June 16, July 7, July 24, August 4, and August 27

## [Preparing for Challenging Conversations with Families](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Thursday, June 11

**Time:** 3:00 PM –4:45 PM EST

As you build relationships with families, you may find that some topics are sensitive or challenging to bring up or discuss. Join a facilitated discussion around preparing for challenging conversations with families. Explore the six steps to prepare for and strategies to use during these conversations.

## [Making the Most of MyPeers](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16

**Time:** 2–2:45 PM EST

Learn advanced features of MyPeers, including creating and maintaining communities; using quizzes, surveys, and forms; and successful engagement techniques.

Webinar Repeats (all ET): July 24 and August 27

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## [Effective Crisis Communication: Damage Control When a Crisis Threatens Your Organization's Reputation](#)

**Presented by:** Child Welfare League of America

**Date:** Wednesday, June 17

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST

The middle of a crisis is the worst time to try to prepare. The best time to prepare for a crisis is long before it happens. Being prepared for a potential crisis is critical because your organization's reputation could be at stake! In this thought-provoking webinar, two experienced television news professionals will share strategic insights about how to develop a vitally important 21st Century Crisis Communications Plan in the "age of social media," and how to groom and guide your Crisis Communications Team during a crisis.

## [Strengthening and Sustaining Partnerships Using ECLKC Resources: An Interactive Conversation](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Wednesday, June 17

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST

Join this webinar to learn how grantees and community partners navigate the current landscape of partnerships, including Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships. Discover new resources to help strengthen and sustain existing relationships and launch new ones.

## [2020 National Research Conference on Early Childhood \(NRCEC\)](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Monday, June 22 – Wednesday, June 24

**Time:** Postponed

The NRCEC 2020 planning committee has been closely monitoring the situation related to COVID-19. In light of these circumstances, the decision has been made not to hold the conference, either in-person or virtually, on June 22–24, 2020. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is exploring alternate options and will provide updates as they become available.

## [Education Manager Series: Reflective Supervision in Action](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Tuesday, June 23

**Time:** 3:00 PM –4:00 PM EST

Reflective supervision is a process programs can use to support staff development through a shared experience of problem-solving, self-reflection, and thinking. Discover what this practice looks like in the field and explore strategies to support its effective implementation.

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## [Building Foundations for Economic Mobility: Helping Families Access Financial Institutions During Emergencies](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Tuesday, June 23

**Time:** 3:00 PM –4:00 PM EST

Learn about different types of financial institutions, including banks and credit unions, and ways to develop partnerships. Hear from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the National Credit Union Administration. Discover how to help families as they work on their economic mobility goals.

## [The 2020 Education Manager Live Institute Is Going Virtual!](#)

**Presented by:** Office of Head Start

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24

**Time:** 11:00 AM –4:00 PM EST

Welcome to Ed Managers Live: Log On, Learn, and Lead, a virtual institute for Head Start and Early Head Start education managers designed to help them lead through change. Education managers and others will be able to safely access professional development designed to support them as they work with staff, children, and families from a distance, plan for re-opening, and make considerations for summer programming. This Institute will support Head Start and Early Head Start education managers as they work with staff, children, and families from a distance and in the classroom. It will primarily focus on priorities and needs related to resuming Head Start and Early Head Start services, as well as considerations for summer programming and supporting school readiness for all children. The Institute will be resource-rich, with many engaging opportunities to explore content and resources from the National Centers.

## [Practices for Healthy Board Governance](#)

**Presented by:** Propel Nonprofits

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST

Clear expectations are the foundation for healthy board meetings. Rather than focusing on eliminating problem people or wishing conflict away, a better solution is to use a set of practices for how the board will collectively create a healthy space for productive governance to take place. This webinar will explore four practices for healthy nonprofit board governance: recruiting and on-ramping, board structures, accountability (including board norms) and board development planning.

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## [Talking with Children and Youth at Times of Crisis](#)

**Presented by:** Child Welfare League of America

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST

During times of unrest, difficulty, trouble, or danger, parents may worry about how to best support their children. This webinar will describe typical reactions of parents and children when encountering family, community, and global crisis. It will also offer parents developmentally-informed strategies to help children during these periods.

## [Getting Ahead of the Curve with Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity](#)

**Presented by:** GrantSpace

**Date:** On Demand

This webinar recording describes the landscape of DEI work in the social sector, defines key terms related to DEI initiatives, and outlines ways to share DEI strategy and implementation.